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MEMORANDUM

TO: Intermediate and Local School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors and Authorizers
Public School Principals

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D. 
Deputy Superintendent, Education Services

SUBJECT: Revised Request for Proposal (RFP) for Section 99h,
For the Inspiration and Support of Technology
(FIRST) Robotics Grants

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) invites applicants for the 2013-2014 Section 99h, FIRST Robotics Grant. FIRST is a national program and is available to 7th-12th grade students. Three million dollars in funding for this grant program has been made available from the FY2013 State School Aid, P.A. 60. All public school districts and public school academies in the State of Michigan are eligible to apply. Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) that enroll full-time students at the ISD are eligible to apply as well. State law prevents the use of State Aid funds for non-public school participation.

- The application deadline is November 7, 2013 at 11:59pm ET.

There was a revision to the original RFP to encourage the issuance of credit to students for participating in FIRST competitions and clarify funding priorities. Start-up teams will receive first priority in funding. Existing teams will receive funding after qualifying start-up applications are funded in the order they are received.

For more information regarding this grant program, please see the Request for Proposal located at <http://tinyurl.com/me5kqb2>. If you have any questions please call the Educational Technology Unit in the Office of Education Improvement and Innovation at (517) 335-2775.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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